

**MINUTES
ALBION CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the Albion City Council of the City of Albion, Nebraska was convened in open and public session at 7:30 p.m. on January 13, 2015 in the Council Chambers. Present were Mayor James C. Jarecki, Council Members Jim Riedmiller, Jon Porter, Walt Hoefler, and Marcus Johnson. Also present were City Administrator Andrew Devine, Water Commissioner Ron Morearty, Sewer Commissioner Joe Luettel, Deputy City Clerk Sharon Ketteler, Police Officer Mike Mapel, City Attorney Darren Wright, Jim Dickerson with the Albion News, Amy Moser, Joe Rozeboom, and Russell Williams. Notice of this meeting along with the agenda was simultaneously given in advance to all members of the Board. Notice of this meeting was given in advance by publication, a designated method for giving notice; a copy of proof of publication is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2014 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2014 City Council meeting, second by Porter. **Vote: Yeas; Riedmiller, Hoefler, Johnson, Porter. Nays; None.**

3. CONSIDER BOONE CENTRAL SCHOOLS AND BOONE CENTRAL PTO REQUEST FOR LIGHTED SCHOOL CROSSING SIGN PLACEMENT

Amy Moser, Boone Central PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) President, explained their request to install four solar powered crosswalk caution signs. She also provided information and pictures of the signs, along with the designated locations for placement. PTO currently has funds to purchase two of these signs, and they plan to purchase two more. Clerk Devine stated the City crew would assist in taking down the old signs and installing the new ones. Councilman Porter questioned who would be responsible for maintenance of them. Devine noted they would become City signs and therefore the City would maintain them. Councilman Riedmiller made a motion to approve Boone Central Schools and Boone Central PTO request for lighted school crossing sign placement, second by Hoefler. **Vote: Yeas; Riedmiller, Johnson, Porter, Hoefler. Nays; None.**

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4. CONSIDER REQUEST OF JOE ROZEBOOM TO REPAINT POSTS AT SPORTS COMPLEX FOR AN EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Joe Rozeboom presented to the Council his project plan to repaint posts at the Sports Complex. Clerk Devine asked that Joe inform the City of rotted posts so the City can assist in replacing them. Councilman Riedmiller made a motion to approve request of Joe Rozeboom to complete an Eagle Scout project at the Albion Sports Complex, second by Johnson. **Vote: Yeas; Porter, Hoefer, Riedmiller, Johnson. Nays; None.**

5. CONSIDER APPROVING NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACCESS AGREEMENT FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL ACCESSMENT FOR PROPERTY AT OR NEAR 420 W MARKET STREET

Clerk Devine explained that DEQ wants to conduct an investigation to see if there is any contamination in the area where a manufactured gas plant existed in the early 1900's. Council Members reviewed and discussed the Access Agreement. Councilman Hoefer made a motion to approve Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality Access Agreement for an Environmental Accessment for property at or near 420 W. Market Street, second by Johnson. **Vote: Yeas; Johnson, Porter, Hoefer, Riedmiller. Nays; None.**

6. REVIEW THE PROPOSED 2015 1 AND 6 YEAR STREET IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Preliminary Plan was discussed. The final 1 & 6 Year Plan will be adopted at the February meeting.

7. REPORT FROM MAYOR'S ANNUAL DEPARTMENT MEETING

Mayor Jarecki provided a report of his annual department meeting held January 9, 2015; and reviewed it with the Council. No formal action necessary.

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8. ACKNOWLEDGE AND REVIEW 2014 PLANNING COMMISSION ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT

Clerk Devine provided a report of the 2014 Planning Commission Activity, which the Council reviewed. Devine stated there are now two vacant seats on the Planning Commission Board. He asked Council Members for suggestions on possible candidates. No formal action necessary.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE AND REVIEW 2014 CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT

Council Members reviewed the 2014 City Council Activity Report provided by Clerk Devine. No formal action necessary.

10. NUISANCE REPORT OF ALBION POLICE DEPT

Clerk Devine presented the Council with a Nuisance Report provided by the Albion Police Department on property located at 346 N. 7th St. Following a review of the report and photos, Councilman Riedmiller made a motion to introduce and approve Resolution #101(15) Declaring Nuisance; second by Hoefler. **Vote: Yeas; Porter, Hoefler, Johnson, Riedmiller. Nays; None.**

11. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Clerk Devine provided reports for Building Permits for December 2014; the current month Sales Tax showing the monthly trend of sales tax receipts; and also an unaudited Treasurer's Report/Budget Performance Report for fiscal year-to-date.

12. CONSIDER EMPLOYEE EVALUATION FOR APPROVAL

Councilman Hoefler made a motion to approve employee evaluation and appropriate step raise for Sharon Ketteler, second by Porter. **Vote: Yeas; Johnson, Hoefler, Riedmiller, Porter. Nays; None.**

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13. CONSIDER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION TO THE ALBION VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OF TONY LEVANDER AND ANDREW TUNINK FOR APPROVAL

Councilman Riedmiller made a motion to approve membership application to the Albion Volunteer Fire Department of Tony Levander and Andrew Tunink, second by Johnson. **Vote: Yeas; Hoefler, Johnson, Porter, Riedmiller. Nays; None.**

14. CONSIDER BILLS FOR APPROVAL

• **CONSIDER MONTHLY BILLS FOR APPROVAL**

Council Members reviewed the bills. Clerk Devine stated the City received a response from Utility Service regarding the increased amount of the recent bills. Devine and Wright reviewed the company's response and did not agree with their justification. Wright is drafting a letter back to the company. Devine recommended approving only the last valid contractual amount of \$970.28. Councilman Porter made a motion to approve the monthly bills, making the exception to the Utility Service bill to pay \$970.28 instead of the invoiced amount of \$1,077.02; second by Riedmiller. **Vote: Yeas; Porter, Johnson, Hoefler, Riedmiller. Nays; None.**

15. ITEMS TO BE PUT ON NEXT MEETING AGENDA

- Next Regular Meeting will be February 10, 2015, 7:30 p.m.
- Review Audit Report for Year Ended Sept. 30, 2014
- Hold Public Hearing for 2015 1 and 6 Year Street Improvement Plan
- Review Annual Report of Albion Housing Authority
- Review VFD Contract
- Nuisance Update
- Declare Surplus Items
- Administrator Report
- Approve Bills

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16. CONSIDER WATER DRIVEPRO-TECTION SERVICE CONTRACT FROM SARGENT DRILLING FOR VFD AT WELL #4

Clerk Devine provided a copy of the Service Contract from Sargent Drilling for VFD at Well #4. Council Members discussed the 3-year contract and decided to gather more information before making a decision.

17. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:19 p.m. Council Member Hoefer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Johnson. **Vote: Yeas; Porter, Riedmiller, Johnson, Hoefer. Nays; None.**

I the undersigned Clerk hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council; that all subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the Agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for inspection at the office of the Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said Agenda for at least 24 hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for the examination and copying of the public; that said minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all next media requesting notification of meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

James Jarecki, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharon Ketteler, Deputy Clerk